(a) whether the first National Study on Child Abuse covering 13 States released by her Ministry says that 53 per cent of children faced some kind of abuse;

(b) if so, whether according to the study, States like Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar and Delhi reported high levels of abuse;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there are about 30 million street children in the country and Government has neither State-wise nor district-wise data on child abuse;

(d) if so, the other main points of the report; and

(e) the steps Government have proposed to take to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There is no such data available on the number of street children in the country.

(d) The major findings of the report is given in the Statement.

[Refer to the Statement appended to the Answer to Unstarred Question 3485(a).]

(e) The Ministry after going through the findings of the report will draw up a Plan to reduce child abuse and maltreatment in the country after consultations with all concerned Government and non government agencies.

Scheme for girl child

3488. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed a scheme in the eleventh Five Year Plan that will cover the medical and education cost of the girls and give them a token amount when they turn 18 years;

(b) if so, whether the scheme will focus on the survival and overall development of girls, besides balancing the skewed sex ratio in many parts of the country:

(c) whether State Governments will implemented the scheme and share the cost with the Central Government; and

(d) if so, by when this scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (d) The Scheme of Conditional Cash Transfer with Insurance Cover includes cash transfers to the family of the girl child based on the fulfillment of four important conditionalities *viz.* birth and registration of the girl child, immunization, retention in school and delaying marriage beyond 18 years of age, has been included in Annual Plan 2007-08, as a Central Sector Scheme.

Physical abuse of children

3489. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:
SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the study conducted jointly by UNICEF Save the Children and Prayas titled "Child Abuse: India 2007" wherein it is stated that two of every three children are facing some form of physical abuse in the country;

(b) if so, the gist of the findings of the said study and the recommendations made; and

(c) if so, the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Ministry of Women and Child Development has recently conducted a National level Study on Child Abuse, the Report of which was released on 9th April, 2007. The study was supported by UNICEF and Save the Children. The data collection was done by Prayas, an NGO.